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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re National Phase PCT Application of

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For: Method and Apparatus for Spreading Treating
Agent on a Moving Web

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
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Prior to examination of the above-identified application please amend the
application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, replace the paragraph beginning on line 4, with the following title, paragraph and
title:

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The invention relates to a method and apparatus for spreading a treating agent, such as surface
size, water or a coating mix, as an unsupported jet, to alter the properties of a web, onto the